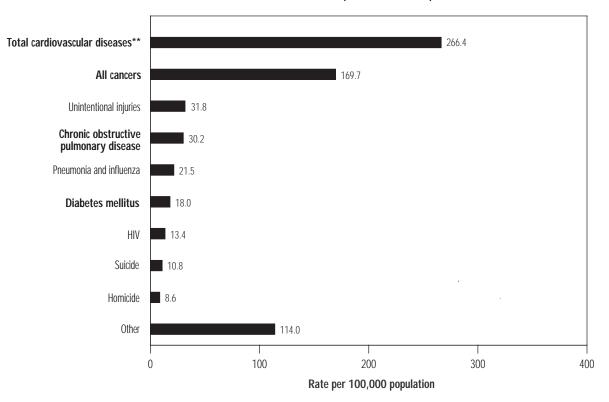
- Total cardiovascular diseases, principally ischemic heart disease and stroke, are the most common cause of death.
- All cancers are the second most common cause of death in the United States. One of every four deaths in the United States is from cancer.
- Cardiovascular disease and cancer together account for almost two-thirds of all deaths in the United States.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the fourth most common cause of death, and diabetes is the sixth.

Causes of Death, United States, 1995*



^{*}All data are age adjusted, 1970 total U.S. population.

^{**}The total cardiovascular disease death rate includes the rate of death due to ischemic heart disease (135.2 per 100,000) and the rate of death due to stroke (42.5 per 100,000).

Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases as a Percentage of All Deaths, United States, 1995

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Percent	
Four Chronic Diseases	1,656,199	<i>71.6</i> %	
Total cardiovascular diseases	955,591	41.2%	
All cancers	538,455	23.3%	
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	102,899	4.5%	
Diabetes	59,254	2.6%	
<i>Other</i>	655,933	28.4 %	
TOTAL	2,312,132	100.0%	

Total Deaths and Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases,* by State, 1995

State	Total Number of Deaths	Number of Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases	Of All Deaths, Percentage Due to Four Chronic Diseases
Alabama	42,362	29,382	69.4%
Alaska	2,553	1,477	57.9%
Arizona	35,342	24,196	68.5%
Arkansas	26,702	19,147	71.7%
California	224,213	157,896	70.4%
Colorado	25,011	16,501	66.0%
Connecticut	29,457	21,209	72.0%
Delaware	6,282	4,549	72.4%
District of Columbia	6,896	4,011	58.2%
Florida	153,176	112,164	73.2%
Georgia	58,387	39,570	67.8%
Hawaii	7,633	5,392	70.6%
Idaho	8,516	5,966	70.1%
Illinois	108,469	78,344	72.2%
Indiana	53,287	38,965	73.1%
Iowa	28,021	20,849	74.4%
Kansas	23,935	17,212	71.9%
Kentucky	37,201	27,215	73.2%
Louisiana	39,705	27,892	70.2%
Maine	11,754	8,709	74.1%
Maryland	41,842	28,679	68.5%
Massachusetts	55,476	39,421	71.1%
Michigan	83,661	61,646	73.7%
Minnesota	37,507	25,918	69.1%
Mississippi	27,026	19,358	71.6%
Missouri	54,402	39,550	72.7%
Montana	7,629	5,277	69.2%

^{*} Total cardiovascular diseases, all cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes.

Total Deaths and Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases,* by State, 1995

State	Total Number of Deaths	Number of Deaths Due to Four Chronic Diseases	Of All Deaths, Percentage Due to Four Chronic Diseases	
Nebraska	15,267	11,181	73.2%	
Nevada	12,526	8,786	70.1%	
New Hampshire	9,227	6,957	75.4%	
New Jersey	74,087	53,634	72.4%	
New Mexico	12,545	8,188	65.3%	
New York	168,382	123,639	73.4%	
North Carolina	64,918	45,765	70.5%	
North Dakota	5,975	4,421	74.0%	
Ohio	105,940	78,331	73.9%	
Oklahoma	32,853	23,842	72.6%	
Oregon	28,214	19,693	69.8%	
Pennsylvania	127,866	93,969	73.5%	
Rhode Island	9,657	7,312	75.7%	
South Carolina	33,527	23,714	70.7%	
South Dakota	6,915	5,031	72.8%	
Tennessee	51,302	36,750	71.6%	
Texas	137,821	97,482	70.7%	
Utah	10,940	6,915	63.2%	
Vermont	4,951	3,645	73.6%	
Virginia	52,940	37,044	70.0%	
Washington	40,788	28,869	70.8%	
West Virginia	20,238	15,156	74.9%	
Wisconsin	45,088	32,783	72.7%	
Wyoming	3,720	2,597	69.8%	
United States	2,312,132	1,656,199	71.6%	

^{*} Total cardiovascular diseases, all cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes.